

REMARKS

The present invention is a method of managing Electronic Program Guide data in a digital entertainment system, a multimedia terminal, a computer program directly loadable into an internal memory of a mobile device of a mobile terminal and a system. A method of managing Electronic Program Guide data in a digital communication system comprising a multimedia terminal in accordance with the invention includes the step 110 of retrieving Electronic Program Guide data in the multimedia terminal 10 and 40; transferring 130 the Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal 20; editing 140 the Electronic Program Guide data by means of the mobile terminal; and transferring 150 the edited Electronic Program Guide data to the multimedia terminal.

The claims 1-15 and 22-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by United States Publication 2002/1051327 (Levitt). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Levitt discloses a program selector guide system and method which utilizes a hand held device, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA) or a cellular telephone, to provide wireless control of media playing devices and further display media directories which include standard EPG data. See paragraphs [0019], [0022], [0025], [0073], [0081] and [0086] for display of EPG directory items on the handheld unit.

Claim 1 recites inter alia the management of an Electronic Program Guide data including retrieving Electronic Program Guide data in a multimedia terminal, transferring the Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal, editing the Electronic Program Guide by means of the mobile terminal and

transferring the edited Electronic Program Guide data to the multimedia terminal. It is submitted that Levitt does not disclose the aforementioned retrieving, transferring, editing the Electronic Program Guide data transferred from the multimedia terminal and transferring the edited Electronic Program Guide to the multimedia terminal steps. Moreover, dependent claims 2-15 and 33 define further aspects of the present invention which are not anticipated by Levitt.

Claim 22 recites a mobile terminal including an electronic storage comprising software code portions for performing the steps of retrieving Electronic Program Guide data from a first multimedia terminal by means of the communication device connected to the control electronics of the mobile terminal, editing the received Electronic Program Guide data and transmitting the edited Electronic Program Guide data to a second multimedia terminal. As discussed above, the PDA of Levitt, while receiving Electronic Program Guide data and providing control of devices, does not perform the aforementioned steps including receiving of Electronic Program Guide data from a first multimedia terminal, editing the received Electronic Program Guide data and transmitting the edited Electronic Program Guide data to a second multimedia terminal. If the Examiner persists in the stated grounds of rejection, it is requested that the Examiner specifically point out where the aforementioned is found.

Claim 4 further limits claim 1 in reciting the transferring of the Electronic Program Guide data to a multimedia terminal as proceeded by the additional step of transferring the Electronic Program Guide data from the mobile

terminal to a second mobile terminal. This subject matter is not disclosed by Levitt et al.

Claims 12 and 13 further limit claim 1 in reciting transferring of the Electronic Program Guide data to a multimedia terminal involves an authentication procedure and the authentication procedure comprises supplying a PIN code to the multimedia terminal. Levitt et al. does not disclose authentication of the EPG data in the multimedia terminal but only authentication by a PIN for a purchase transaction.

Dependent claims 23-27 further limit claim 22 in a manner which is not anticipated by Levitt.

Claim 28 is patentable for the same reason set forth above with respect to claim 22. Dependent claims 29-31 further limit claim 28 in a manner which is not anticipated by Levitt.

Newly submitted claim 36 defines a system comprising a first multimedia terminal arranged to transmit Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal, the mobile terminal being arranged to edit the Electronic Program Guide data and to transmit the edited Electronic Program Guide data to a second multimedia terminal. Claim 36 is patentable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to claim 22.

Claims 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2002/0059642 (Russ et al.). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 16 recites a multimedia terminal with the terminal being arranged to receive first Electronic Program Guide data via a tuner, transmit the first Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal via a communication

device which is connected to control electronics of the multimedia terminal for communication with a mobile terminal and to receive a second Electronic Program Guide data via the communication device transmitted by the mobile terminal. This subject matter has no counterpart in Russ et al.

Russ et al. discloses a master wireless device which communicates with a remote wireless device with the remote device providing control signals which instruct a tuner of the master device to change the received television signal. See paragraphs [0024] and [0025]. However, there is no counterpart in Russ et al. of the claimed terminal being arranged to receive Electronic Program Guide data via a tuner of the multimedia tuner, transmit the first Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal via a communication device and receive a second Electronic Program Guide data via the communication device transmitted by the mobile terminal. The selection of the TV signal for viewing by the remote device in Russ et al. does not meet this limitation.

Dependent claims 17-19 define further subject matter which is not anticipated by Russ et al.

Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Russ et al. in view of Levitt et al. These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Neither Russ et al. or Levitt et al., alone or in combination as discussed above, teach the subject matter of receiving first Electronic Program Guide data via a tuner of the multimedia terminal, transmitting the first Electronic Program Guide data to a mobile terminal via the communication device and receiving a second Electronic Program Guide data via a communication

device transmitted by the mobile terminal. Claims 20 and 21 further limit claim 16 by reciting the communication device comprises a docking station and a class of data which comprises the first Electronic Program Guide data. This subject matter is not rendered obvious by the proposed combination by Russ et al. and Levitt.

Moreover, newly submitted claims 34 and 35 further limit claim 16 in reciting editing of the second Electronic Program Guide data. Neither Russ et al. or Levitt et al. teach editing of Electronic Program Guide data. Accordingly, this subject matter of claims 20, 21, 34 and 35 is not obvious.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1124.40313X00X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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